Munsiff's Court at Kadutturutti.

209. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, under the present arrangement, two permanent Munsiffs' Courts are necessary at Vaikam?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations as to the necessity of a Munsiff's Court at Kadutturutti?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend taking any action in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(*c*) In view of the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this question does not arise.

Committees for Fee Concession to Pupils of Backward Communities.

210. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): (1) How many committees have been constituted in the whole State for receiving and considering applications from students of 'backward communities' for fee concessions in the English Schools?

(2) In how many of them are there members from 'backward communities'?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Twenty-eight committees were formed throughout the State during the school year 1925-26 for considering applications for fee concessions from poor pupils of all communities (not backward communities only) as contemplated in the G. O. on the subject.

(2) The committees are composed of the Tahsildar of the taluk, the Headmaster of the school and the elected Member of the taluk for the previous session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. According to this constitution, there is no possibility of any nomination being made by the Government so as to admit of the 'backward communities' being represented in the committees. In three of the 28 committees referred to in the answer to part (1) above, there were, however, members from the 'backward communities'.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that these committees depend for their action mostly upon the reports that are received from the caste Hindu *Proverthikars* for the determination of the question whether they are fit for fee concession or not?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say for certain whether the reports are obtained through the *Proverthikars*. The Tahsildar is a member of the committee and he might obtain the reports through the *Proverthikars* also.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Is it not mainly through the *Proverthikars* that the reports are obtained?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say whether the enquiries are conducted *solely* through the *Proverthikars*. The Tahsildar of each taluk is a member and he perhaps makes enquiries through the *Proverthikars* also.

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MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government consider the desirability of having on the committee a member of the 'backward communities' in places where the students from the 'backward communities' are large in number?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered. But under the present constitution as defined in the G. O., it is not possible to do that. A modification of the G. O. is necessary.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Is it impossible to modify the G. O.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No, it is quite possible. The suggestion of the Member will be considered.

Departmental Orders re Grant of Fee Concessions.

211. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Education Department has issued circular orders to the Headmasters of departmental English Schools and the Managers of recognised schools asking them not to receive fresh applications for fee concessions from students who were already in the schools in the previous year?

(*b*) If the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether it has the sanction of the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The circular was issued in anticipation of Government sanction. When the matter was reported to Government, they issued orders to the effect that applications from students who were already in the schools but who were considered ineligible for scholarship in the previous year should be entertained, provided such applications show altered conditions in the circumstances of the pupils financially.

Discontent among Employès in the Stamp Manufactory.

212. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the serious discontent that prevails among the employès of the Stamp Manufactory; and

(*b*) whether the employès in the Stamp Manufactory have put in memorials to the Government through the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory and whether these memorials have been duly forwarded to the Government?

(2) If the answer to part (1) (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken upon them? And if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the same?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

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